

# Award Programs

## All Tennessee School Board

Each year TSBA recognizes five to seven outstanding school board members as members of the All Tennessee School Board. Members of the board are selected by a panel of judges from nominations made by superintendents, school board members, district directors or TSBA staff. This award is presented at the annual convention.

### Criteria

- Must have achieved Level IV Boardsmanship award
- List participation in board development activities with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- List specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board
- List leadership activities at the local, regional or state level

**Nomination Deadline: September 30**

## C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award/School Board Member of the Year

The nominees for All Tennessee School Board receiving the highest collective ranking by the judges is the recipient of the C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award and serves as chairman of the All Tennessee School Board. This award is presented at the annual convention.

### Criteria

- Must have earned at least Level IV in the Boardsmanship program
- List participation in board development activities with emphasis on the past twelve months
- List specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board
- List leadership activities at the local, regional and state levels

**Nomination Deadline: September 30**

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## Award for Excellence in Education Programs

Each year TSBA offers an award to a board of education which has an outstanding program operating within their district. Nominations may be submitted by members of the TSBA Board of Directors, by the school board itself, superintendent, school board member, or representative of the school district. This award shall be presented at the annual convention.

### Criteria

- Uniqueness
- Involvement of the community
- Adaptability
- Evidence of success

**Nomination Deadline: August 30**

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## Board of Distinction

For years, TSBA has offered programs to recognize individual school board member accomplishments. It's also important to recognize outstanding performance by a school board as a whole. TSBA's Board of Distinction program recognizes boards for their work. School boards that seek this designation must meet specified requirements in four key areas: planning, policy, promotion and board development. Upon completion of the items on the Board of Distinction checklist, they may choose to purchase a plaque, designating the board as a Board of Distinction. Board of Distinction status is for two years, after which time the board may reapply for continued status.

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Visit [www.tsba.net](http://www.tsba.net) for additional award details and applications or call 615.815.3900.

## Boardsmanship Awards

To encourage professional growth of school board members, TSBA offers certified board member awards and a Master Board Member award to board members who invest their time and effort into becoming more informed and more effective school board members. The award is given for participation in activities outside of local school board obligations. There are five levels of recognition, and Levels I through IV are recognized during Fall District Meetings and those receiving Level V, Master Board Member, are recognized at the annual convention.

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### Quarter Century Club

The Quarter Century Club recognizes those school board members having served twenty-five (25) years on their local board of education. These individuals shall receive honorary life membership in the Tennessee School Boards Association. This award is presented at the annual convention.

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### Scholars Circle

The Scholar's Circle recognizes those school board members having attained 900 or more boardsmanship points in the TSBA Boardsmanship Award Program. This award is presented at the annual convention.

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### School Board of the Year

Each year TSBA honors a school board for excellent service. The superintendent, school administrator(s), board secretary, parent-teacher association or organization, a member of the board-appointed committee, may make nominations. This award is presented at the annual convention.

#### Criteria

- Must have achieved TSBA Board of Distinction
- Describe how the board effectively develops, applies, and monitors policy
- Describe the board's strategic planning process
- Describe what the board has done to promote quality education including use of traditional and social media, involvement with the legislature, congress, city or county commission, State Board of Education, community, and staff
- List all board development activities (include Boardsmanship award levels for each member)

**Nomination Deadline: September 30**

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### School of the Year for Excellence in Architectural Design

Annually, TSBA recognizes architectural firms for their excellence in design. In accordance with TSBA's policy, any school building that was or will be occupied before November 1 of the current year or three years prior to November 1 of the current year is eligible for the award. School of the Year awards are granted in four categories including new school construction of elementary, middle and high schools and renovation. School architects must receive approval from the local board of education and submit an entry form with the appropriate fee. Awards are presented to both the architectural firm and the local board at the annual convention.

**Nomination Deadline: September 30**

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### Student Recognition Award

Annual award to recognize students from across the state who have distinguished themselves in academics, community leadership and engagement. Awards will be given in each of the nine districts at Fall District Meeting. The nine district winners will be asked to write a 1,000 word essay and will be interviewed by a committee appointed by the TSBA President. The statewide winner will be recognized at the annual convention with a \$2,000 scholarship. Applications must be made on an official TSBA form by superintendents, school board members or district directors, and applicants must be a 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student in a public school in TN when nominated.

#### Criteria

- Academic Achievements
- Community Leadership
- Engagement Activities

**Nomination Deadline: May 1**

**Application Deadline: June 1**

### School Volunteer Recognition

Annual award to recognize school district volunteers who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating exceptional commitment to volunteerism in a local school district. Awards will be given in each of the nine districts at Fall District Meeting. The statewide winner will be recognized at the annual convention with a \$1,000 grant. Applications shall be made on an official TSBA form and by majority action of any member board of education.

#### Criteria

- Made an outstanding contribution and commitment to a TN school district through volunteer service, exhibited exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service, engaged in the creation, organization, and/or mobilization of volunteers, groups and resources that are involved in projects benefiting the school district, demonstrated sustained commitment to meeting district needs, utilized unique and creative approaches to meeting needs, helped with a school project or ongoing activities

**Application Deadline: May 1**